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Congresswoman Matsui Statement on House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power Hearing

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA), a member of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power released the following statement on today’s hearing on “American Energy Security and Innovation: An Assessment of North America’s Energy Resources.”

“As we look toward fulfilling our current and future energy needs, we must invest in clean energy technology. Right now, there are thousands of clean technology companies manufacturing innovative products that will help fundamentally shift our country away from carbon intensive energy sources. Many of these are small business owners and entrepreneurs.

“My home district of Sacramento, California, has over 220 such companies. I have seen first-hand the progress these companies have made in solar, hydrogen, and waste-to-energy conversion techniques. These companies are developing cutting edge technology to ensure that America remains a leader in the green energy global market.

“We are rapidly losing ground in this sector to countries like China and Germany, who are heavily investing in their renewable energy markets. The U.S. must level the playing field to allow our clean technology companies to better compete.

“Investing in clean energy technology will help create good jobs, strengthen our economy, and address both our national security and environmental needs. I look forward to working with my

colleagues to comprehensively address our nation's energy needs, including climate change.”

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